

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1606 - SB 1491**

March 31, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a licensed healthcare facility from charging an uninsured person, whose household income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level guidelines, more than the most generously discounted rate for a charge that the facility provides to any health insurance entity with which it contracts for inpatient or outpatient emergency care.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- The Department of Health will regulate the provisions of the bill through complaint investigations and annual inspections through the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities.
- Any increase in regulatory or investigative procedures will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$392,654.16.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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